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Organization of Two North Korean Industrial Ministries

1. On 5 March 1952 the North Korean government abolished the Ministry of Industry and created the Ministry of Light Industry and the Ministry of Heavy Industry with the same responsibilities and powers which had been accorded the Bureau of Light Industry and the Bureau of Heavy Industry in the former Ministry of Industry. CHONG Il-yong, aged 40, formerly the Deputy Minister of Industry, was named Minister of Heavy Industry with offices at Chitang-san, P'yongyang.

Choson Light Metals Plant

2. On 20 June the Choson Light Metals Plant in underground shelters at Kiyang-ni (125-32, 38-55) (YD-2010) employed 170 men and 240 women and was producing daily an average of 3 tons (sic) of aluminum alloys for consignment to the Control Bureau of the Ministry of Industry.¹ CHONG UN-sop (6774/3009/3610) was manager of the plant and KWAK Song-yong (6753/4141/3938), deputy manager. Two Soviet and three Chinese Communist technical advisers were at the plant.

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